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The airfield located south of Trauersdorf (P 48/X 55) covers an area of approximately 3,000x900 meters. On 12 June 1951, 12 silver swept-back jet fighters and 2 biplanes were stationed at the field. * Two jet fighters were seen aloft continuously for 130 minutes performing climbs and dives. Local residents stated that there was also night flying. ████)   25X1B
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████ Comment . The information on the size of the field, which show that it is considerably larger than previously assumed, is credible since jet fighters have been observed there since mid-April 1951. The installation is not provided with a runway. Definite information on the occupation of the field is not available. Not more than two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed there. The increasing number of jet aircraft observed there since April 1951 indicates that a fighter regiment is being reequipped with jet aircraft.

25X1A   ████ Comment. A flight of 130 minutes is believed improbable for MiG-15s. As observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany, aircraft of this type which are not fitted with auxiliary fuel containers have a maximum flight endurance of approximately 90 minutes. A flying time of 130 minutes could have been achieved only by jet fighters equipped with auxiliary fuel containers flying at an economical speed. The statement may be due to an error of source, but it may also be that the jet fighters observed represent a new type of aircraft. The motor vehicle number mentioned belongs to a series previously observed in Trauersdorf.

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